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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008

AGENDA

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Adoption of Agenda, as amended, to include item #5A Approval of Minutes Dated 07-21-08 Public Participation	(previously distributed
5A.	Concur with the Request from the Planning and Economic Development Departm to Reassign 2 County Research Librarians to the Planning and Economic Development Department for the Purposes of Assisting in Their Economic Development Efforts	oment `
6.	Authorize Amendment to the Urban County's 2008 CDBG Annual Plan and Authorize Board Chair to Sign for the Purpose of Receiving Funding Under the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program	(mailed)
7.	Presentation on Historical Commission	(mailed)
8.	Authorize the Planning and Economic Development Department to Work With the Finance and Information Technology Departments to Develop Procedures to According Registrations and Credit Card Payments for Macomb County	
9.	Report on Macomb County S.P.A.R.C. Initiative	(mailed)
10.	Adopt Resolution Supporting the Van Dyke-8 Mile Gateway Collaborative (offered by Vosburg on behalf of the Board)	(mailed & attached)
11.	Planning and Economic Development Department Executive Director's Report	(mailed)
12.	New Business	
13.	Public Participation	
14.	Adjournment	
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	AGENDA ITEM:		

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: Recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur with the request from the Department of Planning and Economic Development to reassign 2 county research librarians to the Planning and Economic Development Department for the purposes of assisting in their economic development efforts, and to further refer the matter to the Personnel Committee.

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy Vosburg, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee

DESCRIPTION:

See Attached Memo

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November 7, 2008

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Planning & Economic Development Committee

FROM:

Stephen N. Cassin, Executive Director

Department of Planning & Economic Development

RE:

Request Reassignment of County Librarians

The Department of Planning and Economic Development is requesting the reassignment of 2 county research librarians to work within the department on economic development related issues.

It is envisioned that the selected librarians would have the skills and knowledge necessary to perform the following tasks:

- Research and prepare concise written reports on national and international companies that conduct business within our target industry sectors (defense, advanced manufacturing, advanced automotive, medical).
- Research and prepare concise written reports on emerging regions and countries of the world as it relates to international relations, trade, business, education and culture.
- Prepare marketing materials, publications and reports relating to business attraction.
- Research and apply for federal, state, and private foundation grants relating to economic development.

If the committee concurs with the request, we will work closely with the Human Resources Department to implement.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

cc: Eric Herppich

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MA	ACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN	
RESOLUTION TO:		
Authorize: 1) the NSP Substantial and, 2) the Board Chair to sign that on December 1, 2008,.	Amendment to the Urban County's 2008 CDBG Annua to Substantial Amendment so that it can be submitted to	<u>I Plan</u>) HUD,
INTRODUCED BY: Kathy Vosburg	g, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committe	<u>:e</u>
DESCRIPTION:		
See memorandum dated October 3 the 2008 CDBG Annual Action Plan	30, 2008, regarding the proposed Substantial Amendm n.	ent to
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October 30, 2008

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Kathy Vosburg, Chair and Members

Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM:

Stephen N. Cassin, AICP

Executive Director

RE:

Substantial Amendment to the Macomb Urban County 2008

CDBG Annual Action Plan

INTRODUCTION

On September 29, 2008, the Urban County of Macomb learned that it would receive Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. In order to receive this grant, the Urban County must submit a Substantial Amendment to its 2008 CDBG Annual Plan to HUD for review and approval.

BACKGROUND

The President signed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act into law on July 29, 2008. This Act allocated \$110 billion for foreclosure assistance. Of that amount \$3.9 billion has been provided to NSP to assist 300 communities across the Country. These communities have the highest rates of foreclosure. NSP is intended to help communities address the adverse conditions resulting from foreclosures. It is not intended to assist homeowners facing, or going through, foreclosure. Congress directed HUD, and all recipients, to target those areas with the highest degree of foreclosure distress and mandated that funds be put to use expeditiously, to address the identified need.

The Urban County of Macomb will receive \$9,765,375 in NSP funds. Clinton Township, Sterling Heights and Warren will receive their own allocations. Roseville and St. Clair Shores are not covered but can apply to the State, and secondarily to the Urban County, if the State declines their requests.

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Kathy Vosburg, Chair and Members Planning & Economic Development Committee October 30, 2008 Page Two

The allocations were published on September 29, in a Federal regulation that also established a December 1 submission deadline. Failure to meet that target will result in the loss of funds, which would then be given to the State.

The Urban County has designed a program concept that would in order to meet the timeframe:

- allocate 10% of the grant for planning and administration.
- allocate 40% of all non-administrative funds to purchase foreclosed properties anywhere within the Urban County.
- allocate the remaining 60% to the most distressed communities.
- use funds to acquire, repair and market homes for resale to homebuyers at or below 120% of Area Median Income.
- reserve, in conformance with Congressional mandate, 25% of project costs for activities to assist families at or below 50% of Area Median Income.
- allow redevelopment proposals from the targeted communities.

The Urban County's NSP, with a possible exception for redevelopment activities, will be directly administered by Community Development staff in order to ensure compliance with statute and regulation. This Substantial Amendment submitted for Board consideration is conceptual due to the severe time constraints imposed. We expect to modify it over time as staff and communities evaluate activity and administrative options.

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RESOLUTION NO.	FULL BOARD MEETING DATE:
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	MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION TO: Received Pixley, Chair, Macomb County	e the Report and Presentation on the Historical Commission from Suzanne Historical Commission
INTRODUCED BY: Kathy V	Josburg, Chair, PED Committee
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Annual Report Macomb County Historical Commission

Mission: By Charter, the Mission of the Historical Commision is to procure, protect, preserve and promote the historical resources and legacy of Macomb County Michigan

Membership: Two county commissioners

An Attorney An Architect

Two Part time County employees

Financial: Budget is set by County Commission (\$4,500 for 2008) Supplemented by sponsorships, grants and sales

What we have done in the recent past:

MCC Cultural Center Advisory Council

Macomb Heritage Alliance

Architectural Survey

Historical Society of Michigan Annual conference

Activity Book

Destination Map (Design, research, and grant application)

Web Site

County wide events

What we are working on now.

Destination Maps, (Completion, and Distribution)

Activity Books

Historical Preservation (Architectural survey, data & images)

Heritage Alliance in Romeo in April

Expansion of web site

Support of Local Historical Societies

What is the focus for the future?

Creation of day trips using the destination maps

Market Macomb's History

Heritage Biway (8 Mile Blvd. Assoc.)

Historical Markers (design, plan, financial support)

Work collaboratively with MISD

Looking way ahead

Macomb county will be 200 in 2018
Update and publish history
Publish the Macomb unique

Macomb County Hosts Michigan Historical Society State History Conference

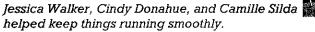


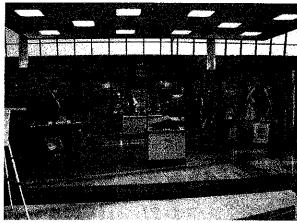
The Macomb County Historical Commission was proud to host the 133rd Annual Meeting and State History Conference of the Michigan Historical Society September 28-30, 2007 at various Macomb County locations.

This was the first time that the State History Conference was held in Macomb County! Events were held in the Macomb Culture Center, the new wing of the Macomb Intermediate Schools building (on Garfield, by Macomb Community College), the Hyatt Place in Utica, and the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. Attendees also had their choice of a boat ride around the Mt. Clemens area, a walking tour of Mt. Clemens, and a tour of the Selfridge Museum.

The conference was well attended. Macomb County Historical Commission chairperson Suzanne Pixley co-presented a talk on "Dealing with Difficult History." Vice-chairperson Don Green gave a talk on the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal, and with Cindy Donahue, presented "The Bath City Spa Industry" about the Mt. Clemens mineral baths (with Ray Glime as moderator). Both of Don's talks have supporting DVDs available.









(Upper right and left) The Macomb Cultural Center has a War of 1812 display sponsored by the Macomb County Bar Association. (Right) Suzanne Pixley, Karl Mark Pall, & Ray Glime of the Historical Commission.





List of the awards won at the State History Conference: Lifetime Achievement Award: Larry Massie of Allegan.

Publications; Books; University and Commercial
Press: Mark Hoffman for
his book My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War,
published by Wayne State
University Press. Jeff Alexander for his book, The Muske-

gon: The Majesty and Tragedy of Michigan's Rarest River.

Publications: Books: Private Printing: John C. Mitchell and the Leelanau County Historical Society for the book Wood Boats of Leelanau: A Photographic Journal; Roundtable of Royal Oak Historical Organizations for the book Royal Oak Images: Yesterday's Charm, Today's Treasures; Publications: Books: Children & Youth: Leigh Arrathoon for her book Ken Murphy's Summer of the Bear. Local Historical Societies/Museums: Presque Isle County Historical Museum.

Communications: Newsletters and Websites: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum for its newsletter the Shipwreck Journal. Diana Barrett for her website work on behalf of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission.

Media: Macomb Cultural Center for its video, A Legacy of Service and Courage: The World War II Generation.

Special Programs: Macomb Community College for its Special Program: A Legacy of Service and Courage: The World War II Generation.

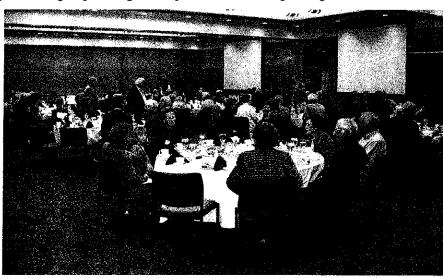
Educational Programs: Western Michigan University and the Fort St. Joseph Museum for their work with the Fort St. Joseph archaeological program.

Institutions: Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Restoration/Preservation: Minervini Group for its work on The Village at Grand Traverse Commons, formerly the Traverse City State Hospital.

Distinguished Volunteer Service: Valerie Van Heest for her work with Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates and the Southwest Michigan Underwater Preserve.

For more information on the State History Awards, the annual State History Conference, or the Historical Society of Michigan please go to $\underline{\text{http://www.hsmichigan.org}}$.

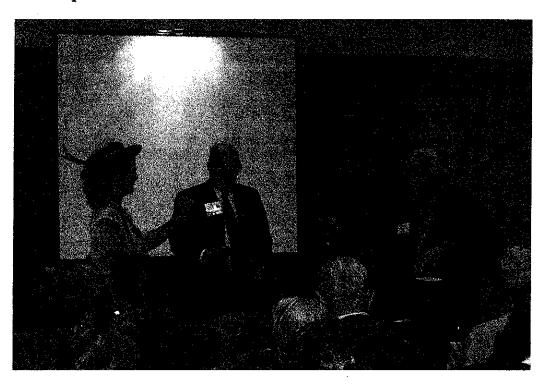


Thanks again to the following people and organizations:

The 2007 State History Conference Planning Committee, which included Arthur Mullen, Camille Silda, Carol Kubert, Donald Worrell, Don Green, Ken Hoover, Larry Wagenaar, Ray Glime, Suzanne Pixley, Kim Meade, Paul Drummond, Virginia Caruso, and Mel Miller.

Also: James Cameron, James McConnell, Paul Trap, Barbara Cook, Mary Jo Cook, Jessica Wayne, Ashley Finkbeiner, Deb Wagenaar, Kathy Vosburg, Philis DeSaele, and Marian Lynch.

In addition, thank you to our co-sponsors, the Macomb Intermediate School District, and to GM, Community Central Bank, the Macomb County Bar Association, the Motor Cities National Heritage Area, Ache Away and Olympia Spa, and Henry Ford Macomb Hospital.



Cindy Donahue, Ray Glime, and Don Green give their presentation, Mt. Clemens, the Spa Bath City, at the State History Conference, September 30, 2007.







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State History Conference Slated Sept. 29-30 in Mount Clemens

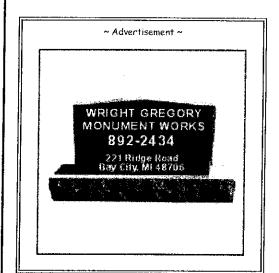
Heroic Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, GM Heritage, Highlight 3-Day Program

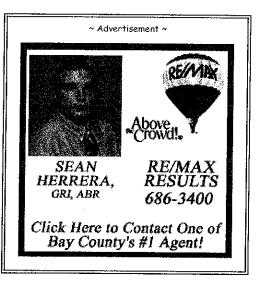
September 03, 2007 By Dave Rogers

The story of the famed Tuskegee airmen will be featured in the opening keynote at the State History Conference Sept. 28-30 in Mount Clemens.

Philip Handleman, president of Handleman Filmworks, will present "The Quest for Silver Wings and the Transcendance of Race: The Heroic Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen."

Fred Priebe, Lincoln re-enactor, will deliver the Saturday luncheon keynote "Abraham Lincoln in Person: Now From the White House." (Priebe has appeared in Bay City many times at River of Time and the 7th Michigan Cavalry Civil War Round Table.) The premiere showing of "Mount Clemens: Bath City" will be featured at the Sunday closing session of the 2007 State History Conference at 9 a.m. September 30 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Utica.





This documentary was produced by Joe Peruzzi, a media professional from Clinton Township; Cindy Sue Donahue, a staff historian with Macomb County; and Donald W. Green local historian. This is the third documentary produced by this trio of dedicated historians.

Mount Clemens was internationally known for the high quality of its salt brine spa waters from 1870 until 1970. People would travel to Mount Clemens for the healing powers of this famous



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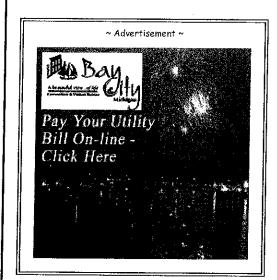
spa thus making the name of the city well known around the world. A major industry grew in Mount Clemens with over 75 hotels and 11 Spa bathhouses. It has been estimated that there was a "floating" population of over 50,000 during the summer season. All the usual tourist recreations had to be provided for including gambling, horse racing, prostitution and lots of water sports.

Ms. Donahue and Mr. Green will introduce the film and answer questions after the showing. They will also show artifacts from the Spa period. Admission to the premiere is included with full conference registration.

Friday programs include: Basic Curatorial Skills, with Suzy Mazloom and Elizabeth Barrett, Arab American National Museum; Walking Tour of Selfridge Military Air Museum and Mount Clemens History; and a special exhibit, "William Thompson: the Forgotten Patriot, 1756-1783."

Richard Wiener, president of the Historical Society of Michigan and former chief of staff for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, will keynote the State History Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Friday.

Saturday programs include: "The William Thompson Exhibit and its Connection to the Old Northwest Territory," with Ken Hoover, history and arts consultant; "History of Selfridge Field," with Deborah J. Larsen, assistant director, Mount Clemens Public Library, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro, executive director, Selfridge Military Air Museum; "Public Relations for Local Museums and Small Historical Societies," with Janet Mendler, Michigan Press Association Foundation; "Packard Proving Grounds," with John MacArthur, president, Packard Motor Car Foundation; "Dealing with Difficult History," Suzanne Pixley, chair, Macomb County Historical Commission; Frank Boles, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University; John Thorp, Jim Crow Museum, Ferris State University; "Encouraging Student Research in Your Museum," Brad Jarvis, assistant professor of History, Saginaw Valley State University; "Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal," Donald Green, historian; "Michigan Women as Activists," Virginia Paganelli Caruso, emerita, Henry Ford Community College; "Historic Books: How to Identify, Mend, Collect and Care for Valuable Volumes," Jay Platt, West Side Book Shop: "GM Heritage Center and closing keynote," (GM Heritage Center), Bill Pelfrey, author of "Billy, Alfred and General Motors."





Sunday's program, 9-12 a.m., is "The Bath City Spa Industry," with Donald W. Green and Cindy Sue Donahue at the Hyatt Place conference room.

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Conference attendees will receive a taste of the Bath City spa industry at the conference's Saturday luncheon keynote, with a special gift memento presented to every guest by Ache Away Mineral Essentials.

The new Hyatt Place in Utica will be the conference hotel. Rooms are available for \$89.95 and can be reserved by calling the hotel at (586) 803-0100. Be sure to ask for the State History Conference rate.

The annual State History Conference continues to be one of the best history conference values in Michigan, according to Executive Director Larry Wagenarr. Full conference registration, which includes two banquets and a luncheon, is only \$119 for HSM members and \$149 for non-members (non-members receive a one-year HSM membership through registering). Saturday day-only registration, which includes lunch, is only \$69 for HSM members and \$99 for non-members (non-members receive a one-year HSM membership through registering). Saturday day-only registration does not include the banquet at the GM Heritage Center. The conference registration deadline is September 21.

A detailed schedule of events and conference flier is available on the H5M website at http://www.hsmichigan.org/. We are also happy to mail you a copy of the conference flier - simply e-mail us at hsm@hsmichigan.org or call toll free (800) 692-1828.



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The 2007 Macomb County Historical Commission includes:

Philis DeSaele, the Commission Secretary, has lived in Macomb County most of her life. For the past 28 years, she has lived in a home adjacent to the historic Clinton River. She is a Macomb County Commissioner representing the Sterling Heights/Utica area. A charter member of the Macomb County Historical Commission, Philis has devoted numerous hours as chairperson of the committee that put together the historical activity book, bookmarks, and has helped with public relations. Her e-mail address is desaele@wideopenwest.com and her phone number is 586-254-1284...

Fredrick Gemmill, has lived in the Warren area since 1943 and is the newest member of the Macomb County Historical Commission. He is presently the treasurer of the Warren Historical and Genealogical Society and also a member of the City of Warren history honors committee.

Raymond G. Glime is a Mount Clemens attorney, admitted to practice law in 1957. He served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Macomb County under Cecil A. Byers, has owned and renovated historic downtown commercial properties, has a manifest interest in law, government and history and is a charter member of the Macomb County Historical Commission. Ray was chosen to receive the Alexander Macomb Award for 2006 for local history.

Donald W. Green is a lifelong resident of Macomb County. He is a retired businessperson. Don is vice-chairman of the Macomb County Historical Commission, President of the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal Society, Past Chair of the Clinton Township Historical Commission and is a member of 15 other historical organizations. He has published several historical articles, made five historical video documentaries and each year gives 15 to 20 historical talks. He is a Trustee and past president of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library and has been honored by having the "Donald W. Green Local History Room" named for him. Contact him at dwgreen@ameritech.net or 586-263-1068

Marian Lynch is a retired architect and City Planner for the city of Livonia. She has been instrumental in the development and operation of Greenmeade, an historic village settlement in the City of Livonia. Marian relocated from Oakland County to Macomb County after her retirement and continues to be active in the Michigan One Room Schoolhouse Association and the Questers - a group interested in various built and formed products of historic value. She has a special interest in 4 square houses - probably because she was born and grew up in Valley Forge Pennsylvania and followed her interest through by becoming an architect at an early age. She received her Bachelor Degree from University of Pennsylvania and her Master Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University.

Alan Naldrett, besides being a charter member of the Macomb County Historical Commission, is a member of many other historical organizations, including the Chesterfield Township Historical Society, for whom he plans the programs, edits the newsletter and is helping form an archive in conjunction with the Chesterfield Township Public Library. He is also on the board and past president of the Chesterfield Library Board of Trustees. Alan received his masters from Wayne State in Library and Information Sciences and is also an MSU alumnus. He is working on a Specialist degree at Wayne State and will receive a certificate as an Archivist, is the web librarian for the Macomb County Historical Commission, and does reference librarian work at Baker College of Auburn Hills, where he also edits the newsletter.

Karl Mark Pall has a passion and expertise for Michigan and Macomb County history. A charter

member and the first chairperson of the Macomb County Historical Commission, he teaches history at Macomb Community College. He has developed classes called Amazing History of Macomb I and II. These classes cover topics such as Amazing Lake St. Clair, Amazing Women, Amazing Warren, Amazing Farms, and Amazing Money, all geared to Macomb County. Contact him at kmpall@comcast.net or 586-469-5285.

Suzanne Pixley is a 35-year resident of Macomb County and the current chairperson of the Macomb Co. Historical Commission. She is no stranger to history in the county. As President of the East Detroit Historical Society for the past five years, she has led the group with multiple restoration projects, the publication of Arcadia 's book, Eastpointe, and multiple "History Comes Alive" events. Suzanne is retired from nursing management but holds a Diploma in Nursing from Henry Ford Hospital, and Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Michigan . She was named the Macomb County Volunteer of the Year and was recently presented with a DAR national award for her role in historical preservation. She is very involved in both history and genealogy, with a passion for trains, local, family, and automotive history. Suzanne is currently living in her childhood home in Eastpointe, which was built on the farm her grandfather bought in 1912. In her spare time, she volunteers as a Master Gardener, and is currently serving Eastpointe as a City Councilwoman.

Kathy Vosburg has been a resident of Macomb County for the past 32 years. She has lived in the same home on historic Sugar Bush Road in Chesterfield Township for the past 30 years. She is a Macomb County Commissioner and a tax consultant. As a member of the Chesterfield Township Historical Society, Kathy has worked diligently to help establish an historic village near the Township offices.

Cynthia Donahue is a 23-year employee of Macomb County, works as the County Historian and is a staff liaison to the Macomb County Historical Commission. She obtained her Bachelors degree at Central Michigan University, and is a Master Gardener, genealogist, and deltiologist. An avid collector of historical memorabilia and photographs, Cynthia also collects Victorian clothing, and hosts Victorian fashion shows. She has filmed two historical documentaries, and designed and created the County Administration Building lobby's historic display. Her "History of Macomb County Sheriffs" is to be published with the Sheriff's yearbook this fall; she also documented and placed Macomb County's two officers who died in the line of duty on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Alexander Macomb Daughters of the American Revolution, Macomb County Historical Commission, Macomb County Historical Society, Clinton Township Historical Society, Union County Historical Society, and an Executive Board member of AFSCME 411.

Camille Silda , Administrative Staff Liaison to the Macomb County Historical Commission, is a Senior Planner and has been employed in the Department of Planning and Economic Development for over 20 years. She has a recent Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University and has had specialized classes in historic preservation - Historic Preservation and Economic Development and an international class in Scotland focusing on historic preservation, housing and economic development. She has traveled extensively studying historic preservation; is currently a member and volunteer in the Macomb County Historical Society.

For any additions, updates, or corrections of the lists of historical societies, research resources, annual events, related links, and other material in the historical commission's pages, please contact macombhistory@yahoo.com. We are looking for original stories detailing specifics on the history of Macomb County to post as Local History Spotlights. Thanks for sending us your local history events!

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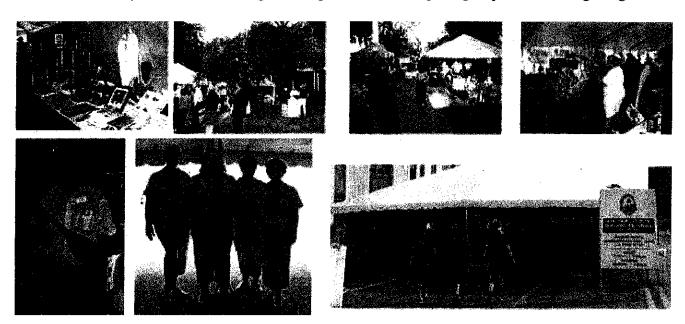
Macomb County Historical Commission

Our mission is to procure, protect, preserve, and promote the historical resources and legacy of Macomb County, Michigan.

Large Attendance for Summer Events!

Maybe it's the economy, the nice weather, or maybe good advertising, but the historical summer events of Macomb County have enjoyed good attendance. Many people are discovering that the historical treasures of Macomb County are as diverse and varied as our parks and beaches! The majority of the history ganizations of Macomb County are usually in attendance at Mt. Clemens' Bath City Festival, and this year was no exception. One of the most prestigious history awards of Macomb County is the Alexander Macomb Award, which is awarded to an individual and organization each year at the Bath City Festival. This year's group winner was General Motors, which is celebrating its 100th year anniversary in 2008. The individual award was claimed by Pat Hallman (first picture below), who is a veteran of almost all the historical groups of Macomb County, at one time or another! A special award was given to the Bellview Elementary School of

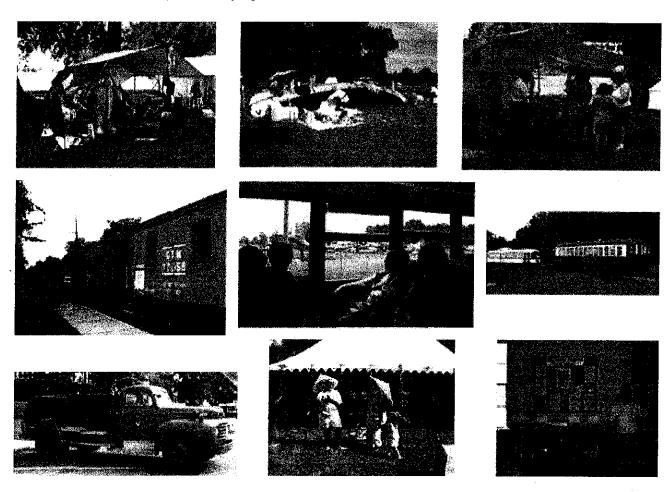
Eastpointe, for their creative ways of teaching elementary aged children about local history using such methods as a wax museum and schoolhouse visitations in costume. Congratulations to the winners! The opening banquet for the Bath City Festival was held at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital on North Avenue in Mt. Clemens (pictures 2 and 3). Formerly known as St. Joseph's, they are one of the few entities left in Mt. Clemens that have the mineral baths. The history tent (pictures 4 and 7) featured a stage for the first time and featured historical and musical presentations (pictures 5 and 6) including Historic Commissioner Ray Glime with an original "slapstick," and Acapella group from Sterling Heights.



Other popular summer historical events included the Voyagers Encampment in Metropolitan Beach

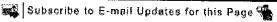
(pictures 8,9, and 10), the Summer Train Rides from Joy Blvd. park to the Selfridge Museum (which were late getting going this year, they will have train rides until the last weekend of September, pictures 11 and 12). The Michigan Transit Museum sponsors the rides, they also store some of their railroad items at Selfridge

including some old Detroit streetcars (picture 13). The Eastpointe fire truck made it to a lot of events this year (picture 14). So did the Eastpointe mayor and Macomb Historical Commission chairperson Suzanne Pixley (left, picture 15). Bunert One-Room Schoolhouse (picture 16, with Historic Commission member Fred Gemmell) had many open houses this summer.



The theme for the **Historical Commission's Activity Books** 2008 is schoolhouses. The new activity book (pictured below) debuted at the Bath City Festival. There are also still a few activity books left from previous years. The book features a photo/essay contest for fourth-grade classes or groups. The contest requires participants to visit sites mentioned in the book, photograph them and write a short essay about their experiences. The first-place winner gets a certificate of recognition and a pizza party for his or her fourth-grade class or group. The second-place winner gets a certificate of recognition. Contact the Historical Commission at macombhistory@yahoo.com if you are interested in a copy for yourself, or if you are an instructor, fill out and mail the order form below.

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November

The **Macomb County Lorenzo Cultural Center** will have programs about "*A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience*" continuing through November 23. Go to www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com for a schedule of individual programs. Don't miss the main exhibit which can be viewed anytime during regular hours! The Cultural Center is at 44575 Garfield Road, in Clinton Township (cross street is Hall Rd, M-59).

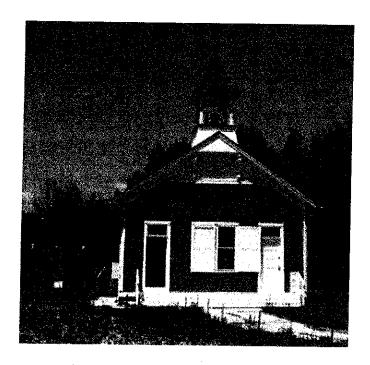
The **Crocker House** at 15 Union St. in Mt. Clemens will host a Children's Etiquette Class and Cookie Tea on Sunday, November 2, at 1 p.m.

15 Union Street

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

phone: 586-465-2488

The **Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will have on Saturday, November 1 "Deck The Halls and Octagon House Holiday Decorating." This will also take place on Sunday, November 2, Saturday, November 8, and Sunday, November 9. On Thursday, November 20 will be a Holiday Soirée for Members, Volun- teers and Supporters. On Sunday, November 23 will be an Open House from 12 Noon to 4 pm. with over 100 decorated trees. On Fri- day, November 28, will be a Special Holiday Open House and on Saturday, No- vember 29, a Happy Holiday Tea. On Sunday, Novem- ber 30 will be another Open House from 12 noon-4 p.m.



The **Macomb County Genealogy Group** will host a program "Sources and Citations: Documenting Your Research" by Irv Robidean of Waterford Township Public Library. It will be November 7 in the Mt. Clemens Public Library. On November 21 they will host a Roundtable on "Writing Your Own Obituary" in the library.

Local author Judy Anders will be presenting her new book, *The Loren Andrus Octagon House, Washington, Michigan – Myths, Facts and Legends* on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (Romeo Plank and Canal Roads) in Clinton Township. Judy will discuss the history of the Octagon House, as well as little known facts, legends and ghost stories. She will also talk about other octagon houses around the country, as well as the philosophy of the octagon form of construction that was popular during the Victorian Era. The presentation will be held immediately following the general membership meeting of the Clinton Township Historical Society. The program is free, and light refreshments will be served. One lucky attendee will win a copy of the book at the program.

The **New Baltimore Historical Society** will have their Holiday Warm-Up and Candlelight Ghost Tour of downtown New Baltimore on November 21 at 7 p.m. Conducted by Rich Gonyeau, this exceptional, entertaining event is free. Meet at the Grand Pacific House Museum on Washington St. in downtown New Baltimore.

The **Lenox-New Haven Historical Society** (Save Our Depot) will be hosting "Santa at the Depot" on November 22. It will be at the Depot on Victoria St. in New Haven. Call (586) 749-6583 for times.

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The **Washington Township Historical Museum** will be have an Open House on Sunday, November 23 from 1 to 4 pm.

They will present historic date plaques during this time.

December

The Lenox-New Haven Historical Society (formerly Save Our Depot) have acquired the old Methodist Church on Division Street. The church construction was started in 1869 and fully completed in 1874 (dedicated on July 4th, 1871). The church will be moved to the historical district where the restored New Haven Railroad Station is, at 58525 Victoria St. in New Haven. It will be called "Church of the Woods." Besides the display of historical artifacts, it is planned that other events will be held at the church. For further information or to donate, call Richard Lemke at (586) 727-3201, Marilyn Kaake at (586) 749-6583, or George Drake at (586) 749-6167.

The Clinton Township Historical Village will be open to the public on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, from 6:30-8:00p, during the Christmas Aglow tree lighting festivities at the nearby Clinton Township Civic Center. Visitors will be treated to a visit from the Winter Spirit, who will spin tales of holiday folklore and traditions throughout the world, and children will be able to make popcorn and cranberry ornaments to take home. As always, there is no charge for admission or making ornaments. The Historical Commission and the Historical Society will officially debut a new wishing well next to the Williams Log Cabin at the Village, and the Society's General Store inside Moravian Hall will be open with historical toys, games and books available at nominal prices for stuffing those holiday stockings.

The **Upton House** will be open on December 6 for Sterling Xmas. It is located at 40433 Utica Rd. For further information please call (586) 446-2489. Built in 1866-1867 by William and Sarah Aldrich Upton, the Upton House is one of a few surviving nineteenth century homes in Sterling Heights. It was the home of this prosperous farmer and merchant until 1891. The Upton House is a classic example of the Victorian Italianate style of architecture which was popular from 1840 to 1880.

The **New Baltimore Historical Society** will have their Christmas Open House on December 6, at the Grand Pacific House Museum. Also, Calling House Antiques recently opened on the bottom floor, so check them out!

The Lenox-New Haven Historical Society (Save Our Depot) will have a Victorian Christmas Tea on December 6 at the train depot on Victoria in New Haven. For further information, call (586) 749-6583.

The **Crocker House** at 15 Union St in Mt. Clemens will have a Victo- rian Christmas Victorian For- mal Tea on Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 4 pm. On Sundays, December 14 & 21, 1 - 4 p.m. there will be a Victorian Christmas Tea & Tour and on Thursday, December 11, from 5 to 9 pm, there will be a Victorian Christmas Wallow and Wassail.

The **Chesterfield Twp**. **Historical Society** will host Christmas carolers and tree lighters in the Weller School (formerly Chesterfield District School # 1) in their Historical Village on Friday evening, December 4. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. The Historical Village is located at 47275 Sugarbush.

The **Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will have on Sunday, December 7 an Open House 12 noon-4 p.m. Over 100 decorated trees! On Saturday, December 13 will be Tea with Santa and on Sunday, December 14 an Open House 12 noon-4 p.m. Get Your Last Minute Holiday Gifts in Flora's Gift Shoppe!

Annual Historical Events				
Event	Time	Contact Info		
Macomb County Historical Society Christmas Open House	First Week of December	Kim Parr crockerdirector@sbcglobal.net		
Macomb County Heritage Alliance	Mid-April	Rotating Sponsorship		
Greater Washington Historical Society Super Sunday	First Sunday in June at 58230 Van Dyke (between 26 & 27 Mile Road)	Jim Holcomb (President) (248) 652-2458		
Mount Clemens Historical Home Tour	Around Father's Day Second Week of June	Dave Schnar (586) 383-0144		
Log Cabin Days	Last Sunday in June; 10 a.m. until Evening	Al Collins (586) 727-7125		
Erin Halfway Days	Around July 9th 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Suzanne Pixley (586) 777-6195 www.erin-halfwaydays.org		
Bath City Festival	Around August 27th or 28th	Ray Glime (586) 469-5000.		
New Baltimore Historical Society History Fair	Last Saturday in September	Bob Mack (586) 725-9256		



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Local Macomb History Publications

There have been a few new books recently relating to the history of the Macomb County area. For additions, suggestions, referrals, or corrections, please e-mail

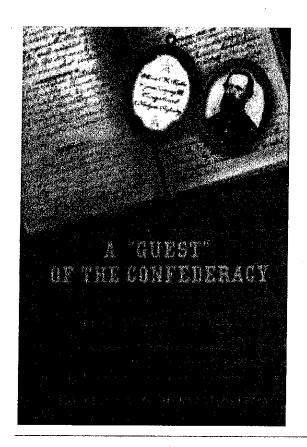
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One new book relating to Macomb County is Roseville's Airport: Michigan's First Commercial Airfield. This book (pictured, left) by Gail Elliott, will be out this year and available at the Roseville Public Library, appropriately in the year of the city of Roseville's 50th Anniversary. The Roseville Airport was established in 1919 by the Packard Motor Company and was home to the Ninety-Nines, the first national women's aviation organization. During World War II, a Civil Air Patrol mobilization was held at the airfield. Thousands came for the air shows and pilot competitions held there. Famous air heroes of the day could often be spotted at the Roseville Airport, which was part of the Gratiot landscape until 1951. The Eastgate Shopping Center now stands where the airport once stood. There will be a monument commemorating the airport placed at the location on September 28. For further information go to www.roseville-mi.gov .

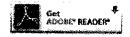
Another local book has been produced by Washington Township's Bob and Cherie Allen and is titled A "Guest" of the Confederacy. The book details the military and some civilian activities of Alonzo M. Keeler, Captain, 22nd Michigan Infantry, during the Civil War. He was a Macomb County native,

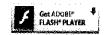


born in Washington Township, and he founded and taught at the Disco Academy in Shelby Township, enlisted in the 22nd Michigan Infantry, and kept diaries throughout his military service, including 528 days as a prisoner of the Confederacy! This book is on sale nationally or e-mail rdallen@ees.eesc.com. Further information is available on the website www.macombmicw.com

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Armada History: www.ole.net/~maggie/macomb/armada.htm

American Local History Network-Michigan: www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/state/ Centennial History of Mount Clemens, Michigan, 1879-1979; Electronic edition: http://offserv.libcoop.net/mtc/centhist.htm

Chesterfield Township Geological and Wetlands History: http://www.angelfire.com/falcon/swat1/

Civil War veterans buried in Macomb Cemeteries, and other additional resources:

http://www.macombmicw.com

Erin-Halfway Days, Living History, East Detroit, Crafts - http://www.erin-halfwaydays.org

History of Washington area: www.hsmichigan.org/washington/ InfoMl. Macomb Co. History: www.infomi.com/county/macomb/

Macomb Co. MIGenWeb-Michigan Genealogy on the Web (Part of the USGenWeb project):

www.online-isp.com/~maggie/macomb/

Macomb Co. History: www.online-isp.com/~maggie/macomb/history.htm Macomb Co. Ancestry Tracer: www.michiganancestry.com/macombco.html

Macomb Co. Poor Farm Picture: www.poorhousestory.com/Mi_MACOMB_PF.htm

Memorial to Fallen Police, Emergency Medical Personnel, and Firefighters of Macomb County www.macombheroes.com

Mt. Clemens History: www.geocities.com/michhist/mtclemens.html

Mt. Clemens Map: Land Claims & Plats Recorded Prior to 1875-

www.geocities.com/michhist/mapmtclemens.html

Mt. Clemens Land Claims prior to 1875 (text version) -

www.geocities.com/michhist/mtclemensland.html

Mt. Clemens History and Library Resources- www.geocities.com/michhist/mtclemensland.html

New Baltimore History: www.newbaltimorehistoricalsociety.org/

Ray Township History: www.rayhistory.org/

Romeo Historical Pictures: www.willett.org/michiganhistory/romeo.htm

Richmond History: www.cityofrichmond.net/history.htm Selfridge Air Museum: www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Suburban Library Co-Operative Digital Media Archive Search Engine:

www.macomb.lib.mi.us/mountclemens/local.htm

Sterling Heights History: www.shpl.net/histcom.html#Sterling%20Heights%20Historical%

20Collection

Shelby Twp. History (contains many links): http://shelbyhistory.tripod.com/

Utica History: www.cityofutica.org/history.htm Warren History: www.hsmichigan.org/warren/

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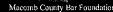














FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9-12 **Basic Curatorial Skills -** Pre-Conference Workshop Session held in the Hyatt Place conference room.

Suzy Mazloum and Elizabeth Barrett
Curators, The Arab American National Museum

The ABC's of collection management in small museums: This workshop will address cataloging software, archival supplies and suppliers. Methods for accessioning, numbering, organizing and storing your collection will be covered. Other subjects that maybe covered: deeds of gift, photograph release forms and thank you letters to donors.

Conference attendees: \$15. To register only for workshop HSM Members: \$25, Non-members: \$35

12-4 Conference Registration - Hyatt Place Utica Intersection of M-59 and M-53, Utica (see map)

Pre-Conference Tours

Depart from the Hyatt Place. Bus transportation provided.

1-4 Tour #1: Selfridge Military Air Museum & Mount Clemens History Walking Tour (\$10)

This tour includes a visit to the Selfridge museum and a

This tour includes a visit to the Selfridge museum and a walking tour of Mount Clemens. Good walking shoes recommended, about 8 blocks of walking in Mount Clemens.

1-4 Tour #2: Clinton Friendship Boat Tour (\$20)

This tour will go from downtown Mount Clemens to Lake St. Clair. Marie McDougal who has written a book on the river will narrate the tour.



4:30 President's Reception

Macomb Cultural Center—Atrium 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. State History Awards - Publications (5 pm)

Special Exhibit during the reception:

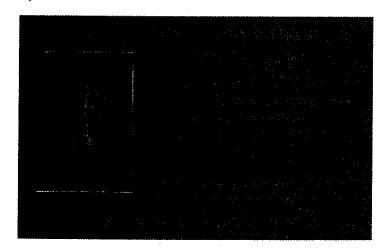
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William Thompson: The Forgotten Patriot 1756-1783

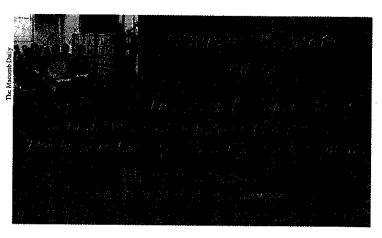
The display centers on Brigadier General William Thompson, and depicts the various dimensions of Pennsylvania's history during the colonial period.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 ALL DAYTIME SESSIONS AT THE MACOMB ISD 44001 GARFIELD (SEE MAP)

8-12 Conference Registration

Macomb ISD Building, 44001 Garfield (see map).



10-11:15 Concurrent Sessions I

Breakout 1

The William Thompson Exhibit and its Connection to the Old Northwest Territory

Ken Hoover, History and Arts Consultant

This session will deal with the life of patriot William Thompson, his family and close associates, from the year 1756 through 1814. In addition to being an officer in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, Thompson was also a settler, surveyor, judge, and politician. His political interests and land acquisitions stretched from the Delaware River to the Great Lakes and into the Illinois Country.

Breakout 2

History of Selfridge Field

Deborah J. Larsen

Assistant Director, Mount Clemens Public Library Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro

Executive Director, Selfridge Military Air Museum

How did Detroit's automobile industry play a role in the establishment of Michigan's first real airport? Hear how Packard Motor Car executive Henry B. Joy championed the creation of Selfridge Field, now the second-oldest continuously operating military airfield in the United States. This presentation will incorporate historic images of squadrons, aircraft, air races and famous aviators from the rich history of this venerable field.

Breakout 3-Mini-Workshop

Public Relations for Local Museums and Small Historical Societies

Janet Mendler, Michigan Press Association Foundation

This session will explore how local societies and museums can work with the media. Building relationships, getting the message out, how to deal with press releases and media coverage, and more. A key training opportunity for this audience.

11:15-11:30 Exhibits open—Networking time



1:15-2:30 Concurrent Sessions II

Breakout 4
Packard Proving Grounds
John MacArthur
President, Packard Motor Car Foundation

This session will describe the history, rescue, and future of the old Packard Proving Grounds, including its leased use during World War II as part of the "Arsenal of Democracy."

Breakout 5

Dealing with Difficult History
Suzanne Pixley, Chair Macomb County
Historical Commission.
Frank Boles, Clarke Historical Library
John Thorp, Jim Crow Museum, Ferris State University

How do you document and preserve for future generations the unpopular events or controversial history—and still be objective and fair to all concerned? This panel will present techniques for that factual documentation and show two examples of Michigan's "unpopular" history.

Breakout 6—Mini-Workshop Encouraging Student Research in your Museum Brad Jarvis

Asst. Professor of History, Saginaw Valley State Univ.

This session will focus on how students can use your local museum to find sources for local history research at their level. Part of the discussion will focus on how you can use the National History Day program to leverage their involvement.

2:30-3 Refreshment Break

3-4:15 Concurrent Sessions III

Breakout 7 Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal Donald W. Green, Local Historian



In 1838, just one year after the formation of the State of Michigan, the government embarked on the super ambitious project of building a canal from Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan. Why it was started, how it was managed, and why it failed after only 16 miles of construction will be the subject presented by Donald W. Green. Don has written and lectured extensively about the canal. His presentation will also include a specially produced video documentary.

Breakout 8

Michigan Women as Activists

Virginia Paganelli Caruso, Emerita Henry Ford Community College

Nancy White, Former Chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners

Virginia Caruso will discuss women's role in the emergence of new governmental responsibilities and new voters in Michigan during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Nancy White will discuss the challenges and legacy of Michigan women's elections to judgeships and other public offices.

Breakout 9—Mini-Workshop

Historic Books: How to Identify, Mend, Collect and Care for Valuable Volumes

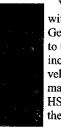
Jay Platt, West Side Book Shop

Do you work with or collect old or rare books? This workshop will discuss how to identify valuable volumes, issues related to book collecting, storage considerations, basic mending techniques that are archivally safe, building a library, how to care for books, cataloging, and many other issues that are a special concern for historical societies and book collectors.

6:00 GM Heritage Center & Closing Keynote

GM Heritage Center

Bill Pelfrey, Author of Billy, Alfred and General Motors



You are in for a big treat Saturday night, with special access to the magnificent General Motors Heritage Center. Closed to the public, this unique collection includes cars, trucks and other GM vehicles in mint condition – including many one of a kind models.

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Our closing keynote speaker following dinner is the well known automobile author Bill Pelfrey. He coordinated speeches and public relations for the GM Board of Directors and his knowledge of GM history and politics is extensive. Join us for this unique once-in-a-lifetime access to a special museum and keynote presentation that you will talk about for years!



Please note: You must be registered for the full conference to attend this special event.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9-12 The Bath City Spa Industry

Location: Hyatt Place Conference room.

Donald W. Green, Local Historian
Cindy Sue Donahue, Macomb County
Historical Commission Staff Liaison

From 1870 until 1970, Mount Clemens was one of the leading spa centers in the world. Over 75 hotels and 12 bath spas made this the center of thermo bathing. The curative powers of the baths brought thousands of people back to Mount Clemens every year. Learn more about this fascinating story and view the premier showing of the documentary Mount Clemens: The Bath City.



documentary Mount Clemens: The Bath City. Also included will be a drawing for a free spa bath.



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Selfridge Museum & Mount Clemens Walking Tour (About 8 blocks of walking included)	\$10 x	\$	
Clinton Friendship Boat Tour	\$20 x	\$	
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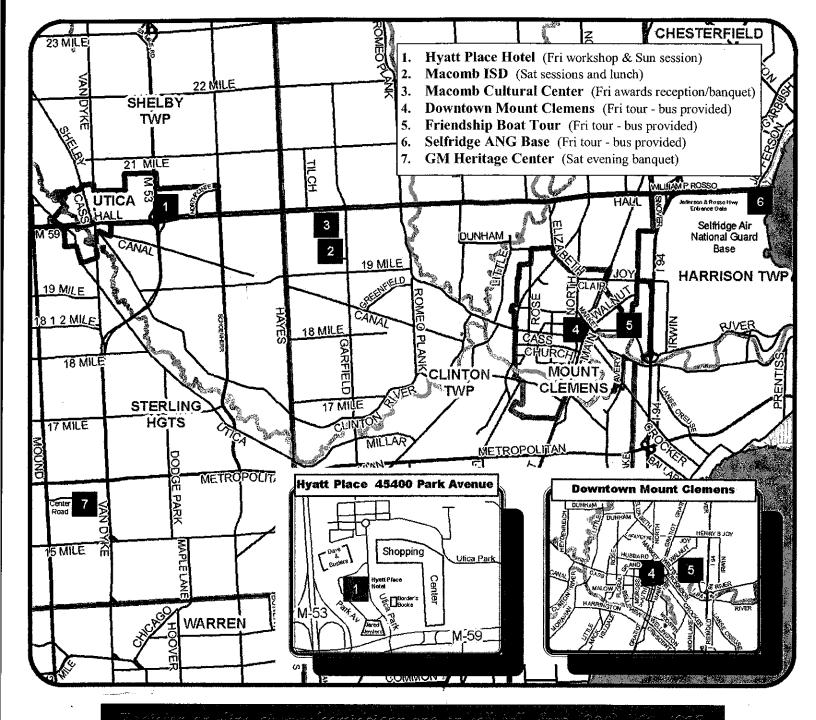
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INTRODUCED BY: Kathy Vosburg, Chair, PED Committee
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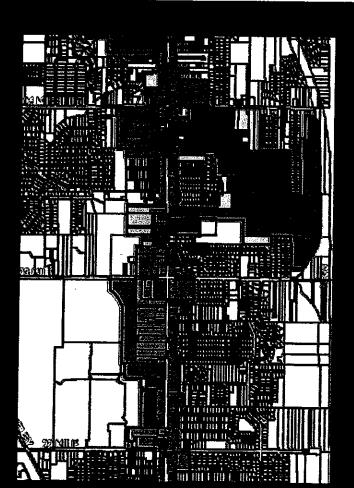
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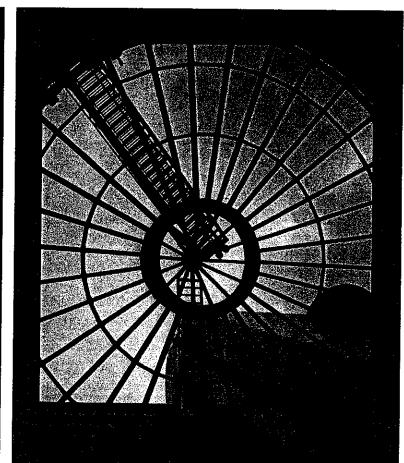
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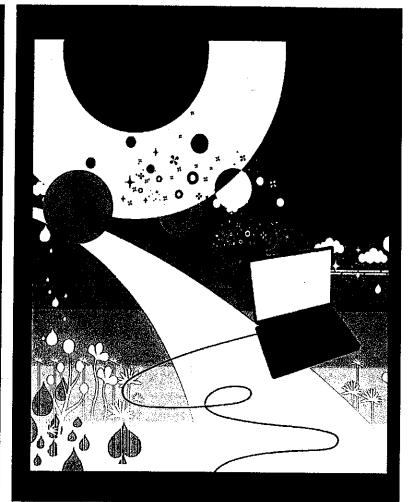
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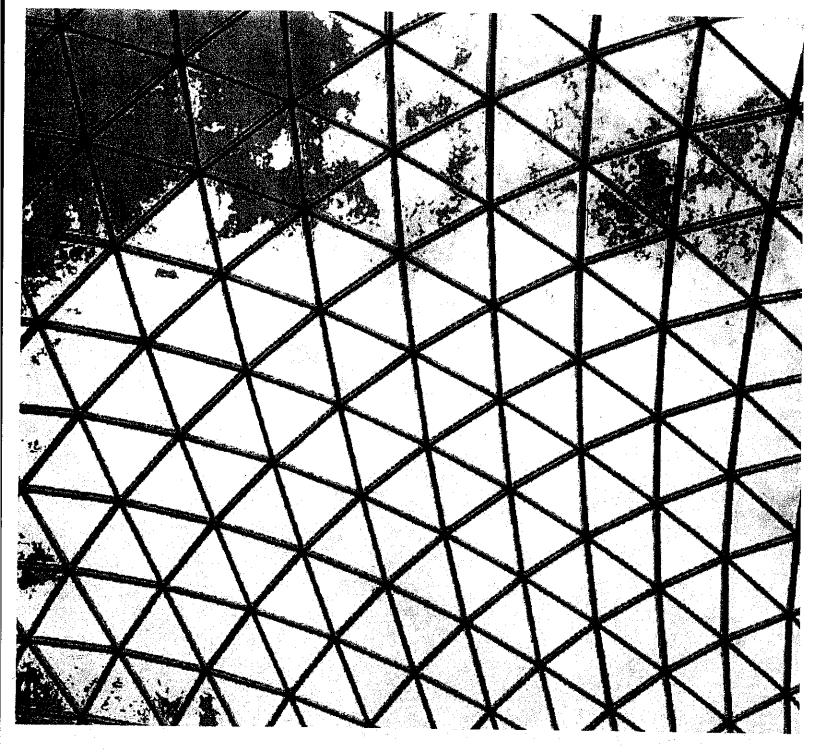
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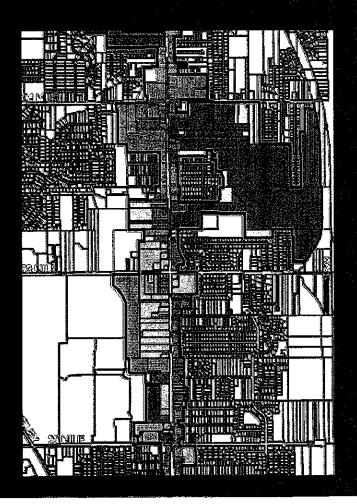


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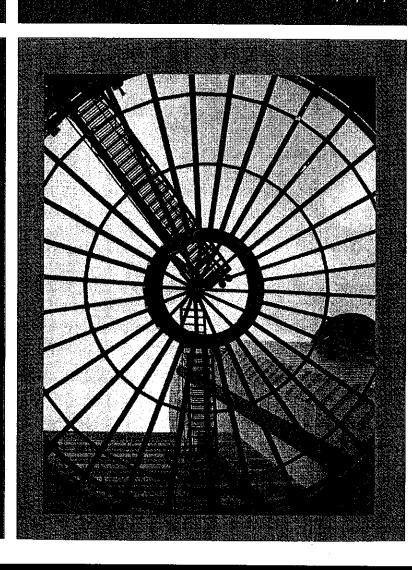
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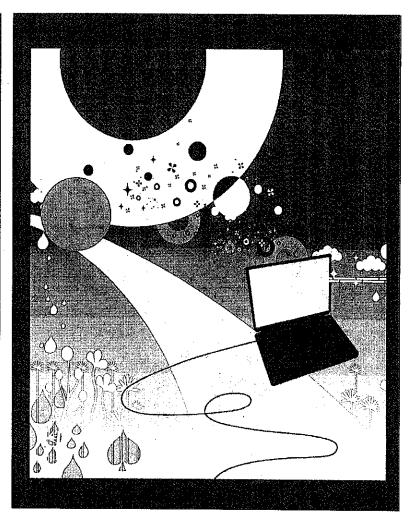
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INTRODUCED BY: Kathy Vosburg, Chair, PED Committee
DESCRIPTION:
See attached memo. Resolution will be distributed at the PED Meeting.
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FROM:

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Department of Planning & Economic Development

RE:

Resolution of Support for the Van Dyke-8 Mile Road

Gateway Collaborative

The Van Dyke - 8 Mile Gateway Collaborative (V8) was formed in 2004 as a group of municipal and non-profit agencies working together to revitalize a neighborhood shared by the cities of Center Line, Detroit and Warren. An exercise in regional collaboration, the group has been working with grant funding to provide programs for residents and economic development assistance to businesses that reside within the borders of McNicols and 10 Mile Road between Hoover and Mound.

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In applying for designation as a Center for Regional Excellence, V8 has committed to launching a successful business association that will aid commercial enterprises along the corridor attract new customers and fill storefront vacancies. The County, through its Department of Planning and Economic Development, will continue to assist with business development activities to support the successful establishment of a member-drive business association and remain active as a member of the V8 Steering Committee. Therefore, be it resolved that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners supports the Van Dyke – 8 Mile Gateway Collaborative in its quest to be designated a State of Michigan Center for Regional Excellence.

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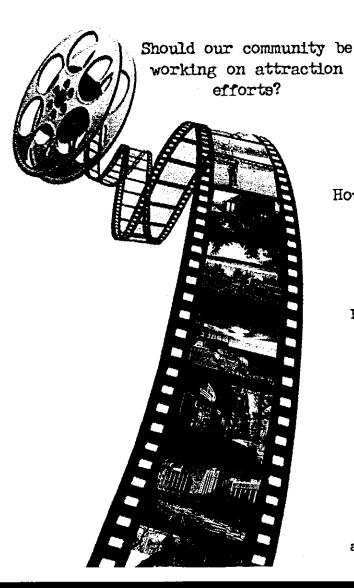
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